Children living with mothers in jails

2444. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dependent children confined in jails, alongwith their jailed mothers;

(b) whether Supreme Court has asked the Centre and State Governments to inform it about their stand on suggestions by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), tc ameliorate the conditions of children living in jails, alongwith their mothers, who are either undertrials or doing time;

(c) whether the Supreme Court had given a time-limit for States and the Centre to respond to the recommendations;

(d) whether the Centre and State Governments have conveyed their decision to Supreme Court; and

(e) if so, what final decision the Supreme Court has given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) There are 1392 children with their mothers in various jails in the country.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The responses from the States of Manipur, Rajasthan, Punjab and Maharashtra, Union Territories of Daman & Diu and Andaman & Nicobar have so far been filed. The matter is still pending for disposal before the Court.

Central grants to State Universities in Andhra Pradesh

2445. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of grants released by the Centre to all the State Universities in Andhra Pradesh for the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, University-wise;